

GOOD NEIGHBORLY NEWS

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Neighborhood Watch Block Captains:

Please distribute this newsletter to your block participants.

Don't forget to sign up for **e-mailed crime alerts**. To register, e-mail me at jsasw@ci.carlsbad.ca.us and get details.

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Other Crime Statistics
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Traffic Unit
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Narcotics Unit
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Records Division
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Senior Volunteer Patrol
(760) 931-2214

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(760) 931-2177

The Crime Prevention Unit's Mission is the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it. **Let's do it together!**

What's Up?

I know you might be tired of hearing about it but the following is still the typical crime activity on any given day in Carlsbad:



- Grand theft: Property taken from four (4) unlocked vehicles. One suspect arrested and property recovered.
- Vehicle burglary: Window broken, purse and I-pod taken.
- Vehicle burglary: No sign of force, I-pod taken.
- Vehicle burglary: \$700 in cash taken through open window.
- Vehicle burglary: two (2) laptops and a wallet taken.
- Theft: I-pod, digital camera and cash taken from an unlocked vehicle.
- Theft: I-pod taken from unlocked vehicle.

This example happens to be June 26, 2007 but it could represent any given day in Carlsbad. This type of crime moves around the City and no particular neighborhood or business district is exempt. As you can see from the reports, the crimes are opportunity based. Eight (8) of the ten (10) vehicles involved were unlocked or not properly secured with valuable property left behind. The vehicles that were locked displayed valuable property that was too tempting to ignore.



As long as we are leaving these opportunities, we will continue to have this type of crime in our City.

We as community members are in complete control of this type of criminal activity and the prevention of it. Please review the following prevention tips and help us to eliminate vehicle crimes of opportunity.

- Park your car in the garage, lock the car, and take the keys and valuables inside the house.
- Secure your garage door and any pedestrian entrance into the garage or into the house.
- If you cannot park your car in the garage, park it as close to your house as possible, hopefully in the driveway.

- Park your car under a light, the number one deterrent to crime is the ability to see and be seen.
- When you are out and about, if possible park your vehicle where you can see it.

- Remove **ALL** personal property from the vehicle. Anything left behind no matter how valuable is a temptation.
- Lock the vehicle and take the keys.
- Consider an anti-theft device like a "kill switch".
- If adding an after-market stereo, utilize anti-theft features.
- If you see or hear suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call the police department when it is occurring, 24 hours a day at 931-2197.

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design: Designing Safer Residential Areas

Residential areas are the heart of a city. Our homes are the centers of our lives, where we should feel most safe. And, while we may have



**Y.A.N.A.
(You are not alone)
Program**



Carlsbad Police Department offers the Y.A.N.A. program for Carlsbad seniors who live alone and would benefit from having someone check on their welfare on a daily basis.

Members of Carlsbad Police Department's Senior Volunteer Patrol program make daily phone calls or visits to each of the YANA clients. If a YANA enrollee does not respond, their emergency contact is notified and a police officer is dispatched to their home.

To register as a YANA client, a senior must complete a short request form, participate in an interview with the YANA coordinator, have an emergency contact person, and be willing and able to respond to phone calls and weekly home visits.

Citizens interested in finding out more about the program, or enrolling themselves or someone they know are asked to call Carlsbad Police Department's Senior Volunteer Patrol at 931-2214.

Safer Residential Areas cont.

multiple choices when it comes to walking through a certain part of town or using public transportation, we have few choices when it comes to designing the streets where we live. The principle here is "know thy neighbor." Streets and homes should be designed to encourage interaction between neighbors: good examples of these design elements are the front porch and property lines that are defined simply by low shrubbery instead of high fences.

How many of these design elements do you have at home?



**Natural Access
Control**

- Walkways and landscaping should direct visitors to the proper entrance and away from private areas.

Natural Surveillance

- All doorways that open to the outside should be well lit.
- The front door should be at least partially visible from the street.
- Windows on all sides of the house should provide full visibility of property.
- Sidewalks and all areas of the yard should be well lit.
- The driveway should be visible from either the front or back door and at least one window.
- The landscaping should be maintained to provide maximum viewing to and from the house.

Territorial Reinforcement

- Front porches or stoops should create a transitional area between the street and the home.
- Property lines and private areas should be defined with plantings, pavement treatments or fences.
- The street address should be clearly visible from the street with numbers a minimum of five inches high that are made of non-reflective material.

Target Hardening

- Interior doors that connect a garage to the house should have a single cylinder dead bolt lock
- Door locks should be located a minimum of 40 inches away from an adjacent window.
- Exterior doors should be hinged on the inside and should have a single cylinder dead bolt lock with a minimum one-inch throw.
- Windows should be securable in a way that prevents them from being forced to lift and slide.
- Sliding glass doors should have one permanent door on the outside. The inside moving door should be securable in a way that prevents it from being forced to lift or slide.

Maintenance

- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed back from windows, doors, and walkways.
- Use exterior lighting at night, and keep it in working order.
- Keep litter and trash picked up and the yard neat at all times.
- The house and garage should be kept in good repair.



**Vacation Security
Consultation Service**

Carlsbad Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit is pleased to offer Vacation Security Consultations with the assistance of the Senior Volunteer Patrol. The goal of the program is to educate citizens about how to safeguard their homes and property before they leave on vacation.



Citizens interested in receiving a Vacation Security Consultation are asked to call the senior patrol at (760)-931-2214 for an appointment two weeks prior to leaving.